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New Beginnings

This edition of LMH News has the theme of new beginnings. As a student of the United States and its politics I am frequently struck by how important this theme is to the country. Presidents frequently promise a new start and celebrate the opportunity to strike out in new directions. Even if there is little likelihood of changing key policies their rhetoric optimistically emphasises the arrival of a new dawn under their stewardship. One of the most successful of campaign advertisements ever was Reagan's 1984 cheery appeal 'Morning in America' which cleverly tapped into the country's bias for optimism. From the perspective of the individual American new beginnings are also important. Go into any American supermarket, bookshop or pharmacy and you will see a host of products and reading matter dedicated to the creation of a new person – saner, wealthier, wiser, thinner and certainly more successful. One does not have to be religious to be born again in the United States.

In the United Kingdom the reinvention of individuals and institutions is not perhaps so dominant a feature. But important changes can and do occur even in this country which is so marked by an awareness of history and shaped by an appreciation of the legacy of the past. Institutions redefine their mission or adopt new strategies for promoting an already established one. Communities discover new ways of organising their mutual activities or gain new energy from some significant change whether it be an injection of new membership or a funding boost. Individuals self-consciously take a new path whether it be the challenge of a different career, an untried hobby or a new life-style.

Examples of creative new beginnings are provided in many of the articles that follow. Some of them – such as Janet Momsen's discussion of the new hope given by the Fairtrade movement to banana growers in the Windward Islands are not only dramatic for the beneficiaries but indicative of how a new idea such as ethical trade can have a major impact.

Others such as Yoma Ullman's discovery of the joys of serious photography underline how individuals can develop new ways of seeing the world through the dedicated pursuit of what had once been an occasional interest or hobby. And we can see in these pages evidence of a new stage in the College's life with the unveiling at the Gaudy of the foundation stone for the new buildings which can be seen rising from the construction site.

For the balanced institution as for the individual new beginnings are not intended to obliterate the past. Rather they provide and reflect an energy to take forward what was best from the past and to enhance it, keeping continuities but also experimenting and innovating. This is obviously an exciting moment for the 'resident' College – tutors, students and support staff; but it is also an opportunity for the wider LMH community to renew the links that bind us across the generations and across the continents.

Gillian Peele
Fellow and Tutor in Politics

From The Principal

Since February this year it has been impossible at LMH to avoid thinking about new beginnings. Our main building contractors, Beard, came on site to start work on a large building that is due to open in October 2009. Impressive machines succeeded one another as digging gave way to laying foundations, pouring concrete, and now the construction of the frame, aided by a huge crane. Progress is highly visible. Something new appears every day.



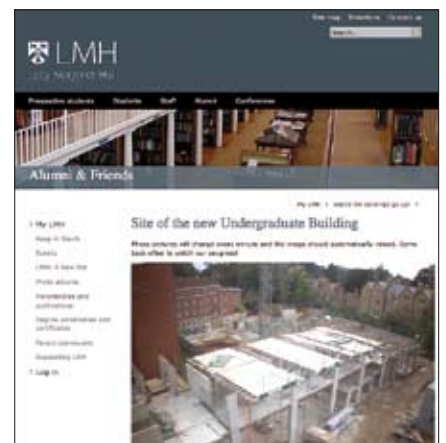
The whole process is fascinating. You can watch it on the LMH website <http://www.lmh-alumni.org/netcommunity/custom/camerapage.html>. Our Domestic Bursar, Bart Ashton, produces a detailed email report every week which enables everyone living and working here to understand exactly what the contractors are doing and to be warned of levels of noise and disruption expected in the week ahead. I have been very grateful for the forbearance shown over these last months, especially by those students who will not be here to benefit directly from the new accommodation, theatre, and other facilities. The sense of strong support for a major College project is palpable.

The building project is both exciting and challenging. Managing its preparation and execution requires large amounts of time and energy, enthusiastically given by the Treasurer, Bursar, and members of Buildings Committee, including our two indefatigable expert alumni, Carole Gannon (1977 Geography) and Michael Clarke (1982 Mathematics). Funding the project is also a challenge. Without the generosity of our Senior Members we would not be at the building stage at all. This is indeed a project that involves the whole LMH community. We are enormously grateful for this active participation. The Advisory Council gives inspired leadership to the

fundraising campaign that Peter Watson and his team in the Development Office are implementing. We still have a long way to go.

Most important of all, however, is that LMH should have not just a new building but also a renewed and enriched educational vision, academic achievement, and collegial life. That is what the great building project serves. That is where our collective endeavours are focused.

Frances Lannon
Principal



WEBCAM VIEW OF THE NEW BUILDINGS



Congratulations

New Honorary Fellow

Professor Christopher Dobson

We are delighted to elect Professor Christopher Dobson to an Honorary Fellowship. As Fellow and Tutor in Chemistry, Professor Dobson devoted twenty years to LMH between 1980 and 2001. As Professor of Chemistry from 1996 and Director of the Centre for Molecular Sciences from 1998, he was instrumental in building and sustaining the excellent reputation of LMH Chemists within the University. He left to take up the prestigious John Humphrey Plummer Professorship of Chemical and Structural Biology at Cambridge and was elected the 44th Master of St John's College, Cambridge in January 2007.



CHRISTOPHER DOBSON

Professor Dobson's research over the past thirty years has involved the application of strategies and techniques in the physical sciences to address problems in the biological and medical sciences. Much of his work has been on proteins. Recently, he has focused on the failure of proteins to fold properly, or to remain in their correctly folded states under normal physiological conditions, a feature increasingly recognised as part of the fundamental science underlying disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, adult-onset diabetes and Parkinson's disease. The research group he leads has also lately become involved in the novel use of biological molecules in materials science and nanotechnology.

In recognition of his research Professor Dobson has been elected to Fellowships of the Royal Society, the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Academy of Medical Sciences. He has been awarded the Davy Medal of the Royal Society, the Stein and Moore Award of the Protein Society and honorary degrees in both Science and Medicine.

LMH produces another Oxford Union President

Charlie Holt (2006 PPE) has been elected President of the Oxford Union for Hilary Term 2009. 'I'm thrilled to have won the presidency of the Oxford Union. It remains one of the best things about Oxford University, and I believe it is something everyone should get involved in. The Union is a fantastic place but it has the potential to be even greater, which is why I believe this to be such an exciting opportunity. I am so grateful to everyone who helped me along the way – LMH has been so supportive and it made all the difference. I hope to see lots of LMHers in the debating chamber next year!'

Charlie joins a long list of LMH Presidents:
Theo Roos (2007 HT)
Ambrose Faulks (2003 TT)
Jeff Bell (2000 TT)
Nicky Black (1999 TT)
Paul Kenward (1996 TT)
Graeme Halkerston (1992 HT)
Michael Gove (1988 HT)
Benazir Bhutto (1977 HT)
Victoria Schofield (1977 TT)



CHARLIE HOLT

Dr Gianluca Gregori

A research team from the STFC Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, led by Professor Peter Norreys and including LMH's Dr Gianluca Gregori, was awarded a 2007 Daiwa Adrian Prize for its research into 'High energy density science: new frontiers in plasma physics'. The prize is a triennial award that recognises scientific collaboration between British and Japanese research teams. The laboratory in which Gianluca works focuses laser pulses of up to one petawatt – equivalent to a hundred times the electricity production of the entire world – onto a spot smaller than the diameter of a human hair.



GIANLUCA GREGORI

Professor David Macdonald

(pictured right with RSE President Sir Michael Atiyah) was admitted to the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh on 2 May 2008. He shares the honour with the likes of Adam Smith, Walter Scott and Charles Darwin.



Gary Dakin

DAVID MACDONALD

Professor Anant Parekh

was awarded the 2007 Prize in Education from the India International Foundation in recognition of his research in Physiology. Professor Parekh works on intracellular calcium signalling in health and disease.



CHRISTOPHER SHIELDS

Professor Christopher Shields

was awarded the title Professor of Classical Philosophy on 1 October 2007.

Fellowship Elections

Mrs Jane Day and **Ms Ann Kennedy**, who retired at the end of the last academic year, were each elected to an Emeritus Fellowship. **Professor Robert Stevens**, who moved to a Chair at University College, London was elected to an Honorary Research Fellowship, as was **Mr Mark Robson** in recognition of his exceptional contribution to the College as Treasurer from October 2003 to December 2007.

New Peers

Pauline Neville Jones DCMG (1958 History), Honorary Fellow, has been made Baroness Neville Jones DCMG of Hutton Roof in the County of Cumbria. She is currently Shadow Security Minister and National Security Adviser to David Cameron and appears frequently on TV and radio.



PAULINE NEVILLE JONES

Eliza Manningham-Buller DCB (1967 English), Honorary Fellow, has been made Baroness Manningham-Buller of Northampton in the County of Northamptonshire. She was formerly Director General of the Security Service between 2002 and 2007.



ELIZA MANNINGHAM-BULLER

Ian Jones

Nicholas Burke (1987 Chemistry) and **Mark Benka** (1992 EEM) won, in January 2008, the Croomie Shield for the sixth time for LMH, and in so doing became the most successful College partnership in the history of the Oxford & Cambridge Golfing Society (O&CGS). Nicholas and Mark both represented the University in golf (a full Blue sport) in every year of their undergraduate degrees and were both Captains of the University side in 1989/90 and 1994/95 respectively. The O&CGS, founded in 1898, is the oldest golfing society in the world. Its 700 members comprise those who gained a Blue by taking part in the annual Varsity Match. In time-honoured tradition, the O&CGS meet every January at Rye on the Sussex coast to take part in the President's Putter. This is a significant event in the amateur golf calendar, albeit a slightly eccentric one given the often inclement weather. During the meeting, pairings from each of the University Colleges compete for the Croomie Shield. Lady Margaret Hall, through the partnership of Burke and Benka, has won the Croomie Shield in 1995, 2000 and every year since 2005. Nicholas is currently Head of Project Evaluation at the World Bank and Mark is Director in Transaction Services at Pricewaterhouse Coopers.



BENKA AND BURKE

CBEs

Marina Warner FBA (1964 Modern Languages), Honorary Fellow, was awarded a CBE 'for services to Literature'. She is a prize-winning writer of fiction, criticism and history with a particular interest in female myths and symbols.



MARINA WARNER

Tessa Green (Buckmaster) (1983 PPE) was awarded a CBE for services to healthcare in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Tessa has been Chairman of the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust since 1998. The Royal Marsden, which was founded in 1851, was the first specialist cancer hospital and is now the largest in Europe. Tessa, who trained as a barrister as well as having worked in the media, has been closely involved with all aspects of the Trust's work. She has been especially active in the fundraising which the Royal Marsden (together with the Institute of Cancer Research) undertakes to provide innovative treatment, research and patient support in this specialist area.



TESSA GREEN

The Royal Marsden Hospital

Nerys Jefford QC (1981 Law) was appointed Queen's Counsel on 28 March 2008. Described in *Legal 500* as a 'subtle sledgehammer' and 'extremely impressive', Nerys was called to the Bar in 1986. Since 1988 she has been a practising barrister in Keating Chambers specialising in construction and engineering disputes, and domestic and international arbitration ranging, for instance, over Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia and Singapore. She is a member of LMH's Advisory Council.



NERYS JEFFORD

Margaret Wileman (1927 Modern Languages) Miss Margaret Wileman celebrated her one hundredth birthday on 19 July 2008. Margaret took a First in Modern Languages at LMH. She held a number of teaching posts before becoming in 1953 the seventh Principal of Hughes Hall in Cambridge. Originally a teacher training College, Margaret led the process by which the Hall has reinvented itself as the University's oldest graduate College.



MARGARET WILEMAN

Welcome to...

Fellows

Dr Nigel Arden

Clinical Reader in Musculoskeletal Sciences.

Dr Arden specialises in the management of a wide variety of rheumatological conditions. Osteoarthritis and osteoporosis form the main focus of his own research. He moves to Oxford from the University of Southampton, Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust, where he was lately a Reader and Honorary Consultant in Rheumatology. He has taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses in General Medicine and Rheumatology in the UK and the US.

Dr Eleanor Jane Dommett

Junior Research Fellow and EPA Cephalosporin Research Fellow in Neuroscience.

This is my fourth year in Oxford working as a Post-Doctoral researcher in the Department of Pharmacology. My research focuses on the mechanisms of the action of treatment drugs for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and how these drugs might modify long term processes in the brain. In addition to my primary research I have a strong interest in science outreach and regularly run workshops, or talk, at secondary schools around the country. In my spare time I work for a local charity and enjoy attending various classic car events in my 1970s camper van.

Professor Sionaidh Douglas-Scott

Fellow in Law. Started Hilary Term 2008

I come to LMH from King's College, London where I was a Professor of European Law. After a long and pleasant time at King's I decided to swap the grime and stress of London for the beautiful academic environment of Oxford and LMH. Before turning to academia, I held my pupillage and practice at 3 Hare Court, Middle Temple. My research has focused on a wide range of subjects within EU law, particularly EU constitutional law, as well as legal and social theory and human rights and I have taught frequently in Europe and the US. Most recently I have been increasingly interested in the EU's growing competence in criminal law and its responses to terrorism. My first degree was a joint honours degree in Philosophy and Art History and Theory and I visit art galleries whenever I can find the time. I have three children, read detective fiction and enjoy knitting and hiking as stress relief.

As we went to press, Sionaidh was awarded the title of Professor of European and Human Rights Law in Oxford.

Dr Nicholas Fawcett

Domus Fellow in Economics.

I am delighted and excited to be joining LMH as a Fellow in Economics. I am coming to the College after five years in Oxford studying first at Brasenose for an MPhil, and later at New College for a DPhil. My research centres on econometrics and forecasting, and in particular, forecasting unpredictable events, which is proving to be harder than it sounds. Away from work, I enjoy photography, cycling, and music.

Professor Li He

Rolls-Royce/Royal Academy of Engineering Professor of Computational Aerothermal Engineering.

I came up to Cambridge from China for my PhD about 20 years ago. After an enjoyable and fruitful Research Fellowship at Girton College, I started my academic career at Durham University, initially as a lecturer, later as Reader and Professor (Chair in Thermodynamics and Fluid Mechanics). The Professorship in Computational Aerothermal Engineering at Oxford has given me a great opportunity to work in a world-class environment. My research interests lie mainly in computational modelling development for the better understanding and prediction of aerodynamics and heat transfer in jet engines and other rotating machinery. With advanced computation modelling we can produce more efficient and reliable engines, which will undoubtedly be of huge benefit to the environment.

Mr Lee Jones

Rose Research Fellow in International Relations.

After reading History at Warwick, I worked in public administration for a year before coming to St Antony's College, Oxford to do an MPhil in International Relations. I then moved to Nuffield College for my DPhil. I have also lived and studied in Japan and Italy and have travelled widely in Asia. I am generally interested in the politics of the Asia-Pacific and the issue of sovereignty and intervention. My current research focuses on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and intervention in Burma, Cambodia and East Timor, and my next project will be an investigation into the efficacy of international sanctions. Any LMH alumni with interest or experience in this field are warmly invited to get in touch! I've written occasional editorial pieces in the media and spoken publicly at various events. I hope to keep promoting public engagement with academia while at LMH.



DR NIGEL ARDEN



PROFESSOR SIONAIDH DOUGLAS-SCOTT



DR ELEANOR JANE DOMMETT



DR NICHOLAS FAWCETT



PROFESSOR LI HE



DR JUDITH MANK



MR LEE JONES



MR RICHARD SOMMERS



DR CHRISTINE WONG

Support staff

Dr Judith Mank

Fellow in Biological Sciences.

I'm very happy to be joining LMH this autumn. I'm originally from Florida, and I moved north (or what seemed north at the time) for a PhD in Genetics at the University of Georgia. Afterwards, I made my way to Sweden, where I've been working as a researcher in Evolutionary Biology at Uppsala University for the past two years. When I wasn't learning to ice skate or speak Swedish, I began my current research program on avian comparative and evolutionary genomics, with an emphasis on female- and male-specific genes.

Mr Richard Sommers

Treasurer.

This is my second time in Oxford. The first was as an undergraduate student at The Queen's College in the seventies where I read Mathematics. The next thirty years were spent working for Barclays, latterly in the credit card division as a Finance Director. I was delighted to be offered the post of Treasurer at Lady Margaret Hall and started in January 2008. It's proved to be great fun as everyone has made me feel so welcome. Since arrival, I have taken a close interest in the College's sports men and women and was delighted to see the women's football team win Cuppers!

Dr Christine Wong

Fellow in Chinese Studies.

Before coming to Oxford last September, I had taught in many places in the US including the University of California, Santa Cruz; the University of California, Berkeley; Mount Holyoke College, and most recently, the University of Washington. I had also held Research Fellowships at Harvard and Stanford Universities. None of that prepared me for Oxford, however! The academic tradition is so different here, and everything is organized differently, from courses to exams to markings. I have found LMH a calming and nurturing environment to help me through these adjustments.

Oxford is a very unique and fascinating place, where so much tradition co-exists with so much freedom and experimentation, especially in the creation of new courses. We don't have this in the US. I am finding it very exciting to be here, at this juncture when Chinese Studies is growing by leaps and bounds, and the feeling is of limitless possibilities.



Miss Maya Evans

Publications and Events Officer

I read Modern History here as an undergraduate and returned as Development Assistant in 2007. I have since been placed in charge of Events and Publications. Assaulting people with name badges and promoting the College comes very easily to me and I am thoroughly delighted to have a dual claim to membership of the LMH community of alumni, academic and support staff.



Miss Carrie Fehr

Development Officer

I joined LMH in June as Development Officer to fundraise on behalf of College. I come from Mansfield College where I worked in Development for just over two years. I have a BA in Geography from the University of Sheffield and enjoy photography and the outdoors. I am happy to talk to alumni and friends who would like to make a gift to LMH or are considering naming the College as a beneficiary in their will.



Dr Kary Kelly

Communications and Information Officer

After completing a MSt and DPhil in History at Jesus College, I am delighted to have joined the Development Team at LMH, where I read Modern History as an undergraduate. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to advance the goals of the college as the Communications and Information Officer.

Goodbye to...



Mr Mark Robson

As noted in the Annual Report, Mark Robson returned to the Bank of England after four highly successful years as Treasurer. His energy and enthusiasm has had a great impact on the LMH community, inside and outside College, most notably his work on the new building programme, and we are most grateful to him.



Ms Julia Gibert

Deputy Development Director Julia Gibert returned to the US in April after four years in which she made a great contribution to the College's development and alumni programmes of which the splendid LMH Literary Festival of 2007 was one of many achievements. Her last project was the excellent new alumni website.



Dr Thorsten Hauler

After two years at LMH Thorsten left in August to move into Research Administration, as the Computing Laboratory's second Research Facilitator, building on his career as a physicist. His DPhil thesis has just been published under the title *Emissions and Processes in Biomass Combustion. A Mobile Instrument for Flue Gas and Aerosol Analysis*.

Dr Simon Price

Dr Simon Price, Fellow and Tutor in Ancient History, retired on health grounds in July 2008. What follows is a slightly amended version of a speech given at a dinner in his honour in LMH on 7 July 2008.

I have many memories of LMH. When an undergraduate, I did attend, as a guest of another undergraduate, an excellent meal given by Winifred Hicken in 1975 to celebrate the end of Classics Mods, but my first 'grown-up' experience of the College was being interviewed for my current job in December 1980. I can still do a mental replay of most of the interview, but it must have gone well enough, because I got the job and have been teaching here and at St Hugh's since October 1981.

From the last 27 years, I think of many people. There are the scouts (I recall with fondness Mrs Daltrey, who was my scout in Fyfield Road for a decade or so), and other



TUTORIAL SCENE

College staff. I recall first properly meeting Janet Quinn (now Catering Assistant) and Dale Thorne (now Head Chef) at a staff Christmas party in 1982. Later, Janet served the lunch at the christening of our younger daughter, Miranda, and we often coincided at the Oxford Ice Rink when our respective children were taking skating lessons.

I have also enjoyed working with three Heads of House, Duncan Stewart, Brian Fall and now Frances Lannon, all excellent in very different ways. Under their aegis, I seem to have done quite a bit around College: I have been Tutor for Graduates (twice), a member of Finance Committee, and the founder of the College's Development Committee. Helping to make a difference to a College which is seriously committed to both teaching and research has been immensely rewarding.

The research which I have carried out here, often in collaboration with others, has had its fruits in various formats. There was a film about our research in Crete. It was screened twice on Greek national TV, and once in College at an SCR Research evening, preceded by appropriately Cretan food and wine. Additionally there are two websites devoted to the research (<http://sphakia.classics.ox.ac.uk>; <http://crete.classics.ox.ac.uk>). Also there are some thirty articles and nine books, including *Religions of Rome* (C.U.P, 1998) and *Religions of the Ancient Greeks* (C.U.P., 1999). I have also enjoyed editing the *Journal of Roman Studies* and chairing the Editorial Committee of the Roman Society.

The core business for a Tutorial Fellow like me has been running the subject, and

teaching, with colleagues in Classics and in History at LMH and St Hugh's (and in the Faculty, serving twice as Chair of the Sub-Faculty). My closest colleague in LMH has been Richard Jenkyns, who also started here in 1981. For twenty-five years or so, interviewing undergraduate applicants with him has always been an enlightening experience, both about the candidates and about their school texts. As for tutorials, I have enjoyed even topics which I have taught many times before. The varying interests of my pupils always kept the topics alive for me.

Teaching has also marked the passage of time: when I started, my first Finalists were only six years younger than me. Then they were born after I came up myself, and suddenly they were born after I started teaching here.

To judge from cards received from those graduating, I think I have been appreciated. Last year, one described me as 'such a legend' (a phrase that I could decode only by asking my daughters, who were duly impressed.)

My many pupils have gone on to all sorts of jobs. One of last year's graduands, who has now completed a Master's degree, tells me that she has just got a job in financial journalism: 'They asked me what I knew about the financial markets. I said: Nothing. They gave me the job. That of course is a great example of confidence in transferable skills.'

I have also supervised many graduate students (some of whom have been members of this College). Some will recall Beate Dignas, who held a College



CRETE PHOTO: SIMON PRICE (ON LEFT), WITH ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE SPHAKIA SURVEY TEAM, MAPPING THE WALLS OF AN ANCIENT GREEK SITE IN SPHAKIA (SW CRETE).

From Where I Sit

Jacqueline Levene (Perry, 1970 Jurisprudence)

lecturership here, and is now my opposite number at Somerville. Current members of the College will know Kassie Jackson, who is both a brilliant actress and a very promising graduate student.

Beyond these institutional memories, I find it hard to isolate particular things. Being in Oxford is still for me a stream of lived experience, not a set of anecdotes. But I might mention a few random things which have been significant:

- playing squash every week for a decade with Peter Hainsworth.
- helping to run the Canada Seminar which was started by Sir Brian Fall and has met very successfully on a regular basis for the past decade.
- noticing changes in the Porters' Lodge. Not all of you will recall the knitted penguin that used to sit on the window-sill of the Lodge. My younger daughter was upset one day to notice its disappearance. The porter on duty (Len, I think) explained that it was all right, as the penguin had gone back to Antarctica.
- or a more dramatic event, 'The Day that Owl's House Blew Down'. I refer here to 8 July 2004. We had left our children at home with Elizabeth, then 14, in charge. When a massive flash of lightning hit nearby, the computer fizzed and started to smoke. As for College, there were flood-waters, the electrical power went out, and the caterers had to cook and serve a very formal dinner for 300 in a marquee. It all worked out (with most guests not realising the level of the crisis). The whole episode really showed the College at its best.

Talking about penguins, my plan for the next year is to write a long-delayed book for Penguin, *Classical Europe*, which will go from the Minoan and Mycenaean palaces down to Saint Augustine. I am writing the book with Peter Thonemann, a former undergraduate pupil, now a colleague at Wadham; I am sure that this will be an ideal writing partnership. I have now finished the first chapter. So tomorrow, on with chapter two.

It all started way back in the days of flower power and peace and love in our time i.e. the always sunny 70's (at least that's what my memory records). I went to California where my sister had emigrated at the invitation of our cousins. I had completed Oxford, my Bar exams and I was about to launch into my career as a pupil barrister. First, however, I wanted the experience of a mini gap. I had gone 'up' as a fourth term i.e. straight after 'A' levels. No gap year for me then and after Schools, straight back to London for a 10 month slog to pass the Bar. I was tired and hungry to see a little of LIFE. Tinsel town was absolutely magical for the then 22 year old without a care in the world. I made friends, travelled across America to Tennessee (where incidentally I conducted my first case - but that's a whole other story) and came back to London determined that my future lay across the Atlantic.

Fate, however, intervened as is its wont. I met my husband to be, also a barrister, and so I took the road in the wood that led to a full-time career at the English bar. Such is my stubbornness that I decided that I could indeed take 'two roads and be one traveller'. It did take a further 25 years but since my career had included such extra-mural activities along the way as writing and broadcasting it seemed entirely reasonable for me to try my hand at taking the California Bar. I passed (eventually- they are really hard!!) and then found myself at the mercy of fate again. I was offered a position in a law firm; I obtained the requisite working papers and before I realised what had happened I was dealing with Californian clients and cases.

My husband had by now retired from the Bar and my decision was to go to the US and work full-time especially as our son, also an Oxford alumnus by this time, had moved to LA to study drama. Oh fickle fate: you did it again.... In 2006 the powers that be decided that I was worthy of elevation to the rank

of Queen's Counsel. I was left with no choice but to enjoy the fruits of both jurisdictions which in real terms means knocking myself out trying to be all things to all people.

So to the present: I am happy to report that I have a 100% success rate in California which means that I tried my first case there this year and won. Not an inconsiderable achievement when you appreciate two things a) this was a civil jury trial and I have not been in front of any jury for 18 years and b) it was a commercial construction case and my specialism is... professional negligence and personal injury. Everybody who heard my final speech to the Jury swears that it was the nursery rhyme that I cited in my opening remarks that clinched the verdict! Well when you are desperate....

Meanwhile I have learned to enjoy the flights, to have realised that with the wonders of e-mail, fed-ex and even the telephone, anything is achievable and to have timed my arrivals and departures so that, so far anyway, all things are possible.

I have also realised that if you do the same journey often enough, even a 10 hour flight doesn't seem so long.



LMH Events 2007-8

Degree Days September 2007

Relatives and family friends joined the LMH 2007 graduands on the 27 September 2007 at a celebratory lunch in College prior to the graduation ceremonies taking place in the afternoon. The following day it was the turn of the year group of 2000 to return, reunite and scratch their heads over the rapid passing of twenty-one terms after their matriculation; the point at which all undergraduates of BA degrees are eligible to claim the MA degree from the University. Alumni, friends and relatives gathered in Talbot Hall. Afterwards, the class of 2000 unwound in a reception in the Old Library before continuing their celebrations in town.



BIG DEGREE DAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2007

Oxford Alumni Weekend

The first Collegiate University reunion weekend took place in Oxford from 14-16 September 2007. A wide range of Senior Members from 1941 to 2001 and their guests enjoyed a dinner on the Saturday at LMH and used the College as a base from which to participate in the busy schedule of talks and tours. The second reunion weekend, themed 'Global Oxford', was held from 19 – 21 September 2008.

Barbara Scott Fellowship Lunch

Donors celebrated the completion of the Barbara Scott Fellowship appeal at a lunch on 8 December 2007. The first holder of the Fellowship, Dr Christine Gerrard, was one of the speakers at a series of talks which preceded the lunch.

Beaufort Circle Reception and Lunch

As is traditional, on the day of matriculation for first years, members of the Beaufort Circle – Senior Members who have included College in their wills – were invited back to College for their annual lunch on 13 October 2007.

Gaudy 2008

This year's Gaudy welcomed back the 1958 year group for their 50th anniversary and the matriculation years 1984 – 1988. Canon Barbara Doubtfire (1958 Chemistry) kindly offered to lead both Gaudy services. Viscount Newry (1985 PPE) gave an engaging after-dinner speech. The highlight for many was this year's Sunday lecture programme. Professor Christopher Shields gave an introduction to the Philosophy of Mind. Dr Fiona MacCarthy (1958 English) spoke with authority on the intriguing character of William Morris. The roundtable discussion on Conflict and Resolution, chaired by Baroness Pauline Neville Jones (1958, History) brought together an exceptional team. It comprised of the new Rose Research Fellow Mr Lee Jones, Seamus Tucker (1986 PPE) from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Iain Morley (1984 Law), who had flown back from Africa where he has been working since 2005 as prosecutor for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. We are most grateful for the contribution of these alumni to a memorable weekend.



Ann Kennedy Retirement Lunch

The retirement of Ms Ann Kennedy drew friends and former students (see above) from far and wide to a lunch celebrating her teaching career held on 19 January 2008. There, she was presented with a bound copy of grateful tributes.



LMH in the City, Winter

hosted by Stuart Burnside
(1998 Modern History)

The winter LMH in the City took place on 27 November 2007 at Allen & Overy LLP. Chris Sanger (1988 Engineering & Computing Science), having risen especially early that morning to speak on the Today Programme, shared anecdotes on working at the coalface of New Labour's tax reforms.



STUART BURNSIDE

LMH in the City, Summer

hosted by Doug Shaw
(1983 Geography)

On 5 June 2008, alumni gathered for drinks and networking at the offices of BlackRock to listen to Managing Director Doug Shaw give an incisive and amusing talk shedding light on the mysterious world of hedge funds.



DOUG SHAW

London Dinner

At the 12th London Dinner, held in the Middle Temple on 8 May 2008, the distinguished biographer and historian Sarah Bradford (1956 History) gave an entertaining after-dinner speech entitled 'Other People's Lives'. She spoke of the private insecurities of society figures such as Grace Kelly and her fascination with researching the peccadilloes of High Society.

LMH North American Reunions

A series of enjoyable LMH reunions stateside were held in spring 2008. On 1 April, the UK Deputy Head of Mission, Mr Dominick Chilcott and Mrs Jane Chilcott (1979 English) generously hosted a reception at their Washington residence. In New York, alumni gathered for dinner at Le Colonial on 3 April 2008. Professors Ann Hutchison (1963 English) and James Carley also hosted a splendid reception at their home in Toronto on 8 April to round off the tour.



PROFESSORS ANN HUTCHISON AND JAMES CARLEY TALK TO ALUMNI



Heron Allen Lecture

On 29 February 2008 the Heron Allen Lecture 'Resetting the Clock for Ageing' was given by Professor Linda Partridge, CBE, BBSRC Professorial Fellow and Director of the UCL Institute of Healthy Ageing, University College, London. The Institute of Healthy Ageing is an interdisciplinary centre of excellence for research on the biology of ageing and ageing-related diseases.



The Benazir Bhutto Memorial Lecture

Held on 15 May 2008, the Benazir Bhutto Memorial Lecture was attended by Benazir's sister Sanam Bhutto and her son Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. Victoria Schofield (1974 History), a lifelong friend from LMH days, introduced the lecture with a moving tribute to Benazir. Sir Mark Lyall-Grant, Director General (Political) at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and British High Commissioner to Pakistan between 2003 and 2006, gave the lecture in which he analysed the current problems facing Pakistan. The College is having a portrait painted based on photographs of Benazir by Mrs Doris Lurot Betjeman.



Canada Seminar

For the Canada Seminar this year, Professor Margaret MacMillan, Warden at St Antony's, gave a presentation on 8 February 2008 entitled: 'Who Owns Canadian History? Controversy at the Canadian War Museum'. Professor Macmillan was part of a team of historians drafted in to adjudicate on who should have the final say on the content of a plaque dealing with the allied bombing of German cities in the Second World War. She reflected on the power Museums hold in the presentation of history and what this controversy demonstrated about attitudes to authority in society at large.



Rose Lecture in International Relations

On 13 May 2008 the outgoing Rose Research Fellow, Dr Alexander Betts, explored how international migration is currently governed at the global level and what consequences the existing, fragmented and incoherent institutional framework has for the international politics of migration. Dr Betts is the current Hedley Bull Research Fellow in International Relations at Oxford and the Director of the MacArthur Foundation-funded Global Migration Governance project.

LMH Festival of Arts and Science

Dr Celia Brown (1973 Human Sciences) on her arts-science project using LMH expertise and talent.

'Curioser and curioser!' cried Alice. Scientists, artists, dancers and musicians involved in our arts-science project are exploring the curious and even counter-intuitive in current scientific endeavour. What better place to combine our creative talents than in the fantastic worlds of Lewis Carroll? At Reverend Allan Doig's suggestion, the chapel floor was transformed during the LMH Festival of Arts & Science (23 February – 7 March 2008) into Alice's Looking Glass chessboard. Here Ceri Brenner (2005 Physics), 'Inspired by Alice', danced through an imaginary mirror to encounter Talking Flowers and other impossible things to believe before breakfast.

Two 'lecture-performances' - first presented at Freiburg University in 2007 – developed the concepts in more scientific depth. The chapel became a neural cell in which Professor Joanna Poulton (1973 Medicine) explained how dancing mitochondria

supply energy to the organist's foot. In Dr Todd Huffman's quantum mechanical 'The World in the Looking-Glass' (repeated on 17 May for the Second Year Parents Lecture) Dr Huffman explained that time sometimes goes backwards mathematically but a Humpty Dumpty egg-ensemble could never be reassembled. A game of quantum chess involving the annihilation of matter and backwards-in-time antimatter chess-pieces was played to an impossible conclusion: the creation of the Universe. Such curiously related abstract structures in science-dance- music- literary text are being transformed into a 'musical' by Celia Brown and George Chambers.

The festival was timed to coincide with the Heron Allen Lecture 'Resetting the Clock for Ageing' by Professor Linda Partridge and included an exhibition by LMH art students and a recital by LMH music students organised by George Chambers.



GEORGE CHAMBERS 2007 Music

If someone had told me that by the end of my first year I would have composed pieces for Humpty Dumpty, quantum mechanics and dancing mitochondria, I probably wouldn't have believed them. If the same person had told me these would all be in the same performance, I definitely wouldn't have believed them! The task presented to me was to write music that represented



GEORGE CHAMBERS AND THE VOXNOX

established scientific theorem (a challenge in itself) that also related to the complex story of *Through the Looking Glass*. With Celia Brown's commitment and inspirational creativity and Ceri Brenner's stunning choreography skills, I slowly began seeing the music for the Arts-Science Projects develop. My newly established experimental vocal group, VoxNox, did a sterling job powering through various wails, whispers and screams presented to them in my scores. This was especially the case in the chance-based 'Chesspiecepiece', which we all had great fun performing. Like many of my compositions, 'Inspired by Alice' mixed memorable melodic motifs with extended vocal techniques and many chance operations, designed to be sung differently each time performed. The 'Chesspiecepiece' involved two members of VoxNox having a musical chess match – fighting with their musical motifs to eventually try to win the battle. A very memorable experience for anyone who attended, I am sure!

Composing for the various projects has been an inspirational process. I still apologise to my neighbours for the long afternoons I spent in my room experimenting with various new sounds and vocal techniques. Interestingly, the music for the various arts-meets-science projects never seems entirely complete – Celia and myself agree it is a constantly evolving entity. Currently the next 'phase' of the composition is underway; incorporating elements from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Highlights include an omniscient Cheshire cat and another musical game based on flamingo croquet.



First Ever Boathouse Open Day

For the Boathouse Open Day on 20 April 2008 Boatman Mark Seal and the LMHBC trained children and parents in the basics of rowing before a lunch of sandwiches and sausages and a mad cap race in the afternoon. Afterwards the LMHBC presented Mark Robson, curiously a member of the winning team (see above), with an oar in appreciation of all that he has done for the Boathouse.



Why Photography?

Yoma Ullman (1955 History)

Why am I kneeling in long, icy grass just before sunrise? I am 71 years old, my hands are frozen in spite of fingerless mittens, and my jeans are clammy around my knees and ankles. Yet I am totally happy because I am photographing the snowdrops just in front of me. It's a long way from the fingerless mittens I wore reading History in the cold, old library at LMH in the 1950s.

My friends are surprised at my new incarnation as a flower photographer, but I've always been aware of the beauty of nature. As a child in the Himalayas, I loved the magnolias and rhododendrons. In Upper Assam, the saturated blue of the delphiniums my mother grew and the vivid snapdragons and cannas made an impression. At boarding school in England I found escape from institutional aridity in the yellow blossoms of laburnum trees and the sweet peas and other flowers we were sometimes allowed to cut with the headmistress as a treat. I started to use a camera at that school. Once I was at LMH, of course, the wonderful gardens, then under the supervision of Miss Hicken, added to my mental library of beauty.

For many years, my photos were mostly of people, especially my American daughters, whose progress I recorded for my parents across the Atlantic. Then came the attempt at evocative pictures of places, and, once I moved to Washington, a city whose many public gardens are a year-round joy, a concentration on flowers, which remain my greatest inspiration. Their beauty goes far beyond

biological necessity, though biologists may differ. But I also love to photograph boats, motorbikes, and the red rock formations of the Southwest.

After years of child rearing, travel, and work as an editor, my last film camera was stolen off my shoulder, with the lightest of tugs, by someone in the Ladies Room at the National Gallery in London. Jennifer Ullman, my younger daughter, herself an excellent garden photographer, helped me decide that my next camera would be digital. The transition had a major effect on my work simply because I could see what I'd done immediately and correct it in my next shot. The impetus from that camera, the classes that followed, and eventually a certain competence at the fringes of Photoshop, the 'dry' darkroom that has superceded the 'wet' darkroom of old, took me far from my earlier snapshots.

On one of her visits, Jennifer looked at my burgeoning collection of photos and said firmly, 'You must DO something with them.'

At first I made and sold greeting cards—the equivalent, I soon felt, of the little poems a genteel relative of mine

Jennifer Ullman



used to publish in *The Lady* magazine. Eventually I decided to take my desultory photography of decades to a new level by joining the community of serious photographers. I now carry a camera everywhere, go to classes, and even make some greeting cards. But I'm trying to make images that live up to new standards, and I have had a number of awards, a number of photographs hung in shows, and my own solo in June 2008.

Learning to see with a photographer's eye and studying the craft has given me a new enthusiasm for life in all its forms. So that is why I am on my knees in the long, cold grass, hoping that the sun and the inevitable breeze won't come up until I have captured the snowdrops in all their perfection.



More of Yoma's work can be found online at www.yomaulman.com



SCHOOLBUS PROVIDED BY FAIRTRADE IN DOMINICA

Banana Wars and Post-Colonialism:

Professor Janet Momsen (1958 Geography), Starr Visiting Fellow

Bananas are by volume the most heavily traded commodity on world markets but have fallen victim to new trade regimes in recent years. British consumers spend more on bananas than on any other supermarket food item and more than 95% of households buy them every week. The former British colonies of the volcanic Windward Islands in the eastern Caribbean began exporting bananas in the 1920s and by the mid-1960s some two-thirds of the cropland of the Windward Islands was in bananas destined for the United Kingdom.

In 1992 Britain's historical preferential tariffs for Windward Island bananas were challenged by Latin American producers and a compromise highly unfavourable to the Caribbean was imposed by the World Trade Organisation in 2002. The so-called dollar bananas are mainly produced by multinational, American-owned companies on large plantations using technology and low wages to keep costs down. In the Windward Islands bananas are grown on dispersed, steeply sloping fields on farms of two to three hectares with consequent high costs for fertilizing, disease control and transport.

Banana exports from the Windward Islands fell from 238,000 tons in 1993 to 99,000 tons in 2002 and the number of growers declined from 27,000 to 5,000. Prices in the UK fell from 118.6p per kilo in 1991 to 0.68p in November 2007. The value of banana exports from the Windwards shrank from US\$147million

in 1992 to US\$45 million ten years later. At the start of the 1990s, the Windward Islands supplied about two-thirds of the UK's bananas. By 2000 this proportion had fallen to 19%. Fairtrade was a desperate strategy for rescuing island livelihoods.

In the mid-1990s Windward Island banana growers saw tourism and illegal drugs as their only alternative sources of income. Tourism in St Vincent and the Grenadines earns three times as much as bananas but the agricultural dollar brings greater benefits to local people as it is more widespread and regular, and is spent locally. In the early 21st century as the banana industry collapsed it was believed that St Vincent and the Grenadines had 2,500 marijuana growers.

Fairtrade started in the Windwards in 2000 with 466 registered banana growers.

By July 2005 there were 1,810 Fairtrade registered banana farmers, 793 in Dominica, 31 in Grenada, 368 in St Lucia and 618 in St Vincent. Fairtrade encourages the participation of women and they make up almost one-third of Fairtrade farmers. Fairtrade standards demand minimal use of chemicals, high levels of hygiene for farmers and protection of the environment resulting in a resurgence of wild birds, and fish. Despite falling prices to consumers, the principle of a Fairtrade minimum price has kept returns to growers stable.

Britain is the biggest national market for Fairtrade goods in the world. The total retail value of Fairtrade products grew from £2.75million in 1993 to over £290million in 2006 with bananas being second only to coffee in value and the leader by volume. The Co-operative



PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE SOCIAL PREMIUM



BUILDING A FEEDER ROAD IN ST VINCENT. NOTE BANANAS IN BACKGROUND AND BUFFER ZONES BY ROAD

Fairtrade as a Solution

supermarkets had been the first to focus on Fairtrade goods. Then Tesco realized that their customers were also interested in ethical marketing and started buying Fairtrade bananas from Dominica in 2002. By 2004 they were selling 8,000 boxes a week, 71% of Dominica's output. In 2006 Sainsbury's, who sell one-fifth of all supermarket bananas in the UK, decided to switch to 100% Fairtrade although it would cost them some £4 million a year in lost profit margins. Shortly after Sainsbury's made this decision Waitrose made a similar pledge so marking the beginning of supermarket competition on ethical credentials not just price. However, such ethical consumption is best understood as a political phenomenon rather than simply a market response to consumer demand. Today virtually all Windward Island bananas are Fairtrade rising from 21% in 2004 to 86% in 2007.

One of the most important benefits to the farmers of Fairtrade, in addition to a stable price offering fair remuneration, is the social premium, a cess on each box of bananas sold. This is used to support the spread and implementation of Fairtrade standards, and for such things as regular health checks and

pensions for farmers. Buffer zones to stop farm pollution entering waterways and grass barriers to reduce soil erosion are also undertaken. However, individual groups of farmers decide on the use of the social premium for local community projects. These include improvement of farm feeder roads, equipment for clinics and schools, street lights, bus shelters, food parcels for the elderly and scholarships for farmers' children to attend secondary school. In this way the benefits of Fairtrade are spread throughout the islands.

Selling Fairtrade bananas has empowered the small peasant farmers of the Windward Islands. As one woman farmer said 'It is healthier for you and for us and makes bananas a business and not just something you do because you have nothing else.'

Professor Janet Momsen will be speaking on 'Fairtrade Caribbean Bananas: A Study in Ethics and Post-Colonialism' in Talbot Hall at 5.15pm at LMH on Friday 24 October 2008. Please book through Maya Evans in the Development Office. Email: development@lmh.ox.ac.uk or phone 01865 274 362.



FAIRTRADE GUIDELINES KEEP STANDARDS HIGH, SEE TOP RIGHT



WHEELCHAIRS FOR A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY IN ST LUCIA

Off The Beaten Track

Mountaineering in the Russian Far East

Adam Griffiths (2002 Modern History)

'Adam, it's Wilki; We're going to Kamchatka on Saturday. I've booked the flights, so you can't say no. Oh, and you need to get a travel Visa sorted.'

It was Thursday morning in late March. I didn't really know where Kamchatka was and I had even less idea about how to get a Russian Visa sorted in a day and a half. Nonetheless at 6am Saturday morning I was standing at Heathrow, admiring the newly printed Russian visa in my passport and clutching my skis and a bag of hastily packed mountaineering equipment I thought we might need. I had made time, whilst waiting for the visa application to be printed, to do some cursory research at the Royal Geographic Society on Kamchatka. Unsurprisingly for an area that was only opened to western visitors in 1990, little information was available; even less if your motive for going was adventure rather than academic research. However, it became clear to me that Kamchatka was a spectacle of nature that had been until very recently completely sealed off by politics.

Dangling down into the North Pacific from the far eastern corner of the Asian landmass, the Kamchatka Peninsula marks the North West border of the Pacific Ring of Fire. Geographically Kamchatka seems to have emerged from a lost world that is part moonscape, part prehistoric. Over 160 volcanoes have been recorded, with 29 still being active. Added to this are the impressive forms of glaciers and the Siberian tundra, which

make Kamchatka a unique environment for mountaineering. During World War II Kamchatka served as a launch site for the invasion of the Kurils in late 1945. After the war, Kamchatka was declared a 'no-go' military zone, remaining closed even to Russians until 1989. As we were to find out the feeling of secrecy remains palpable.

After an 11 hour flight from Moscow, we landed at Kamchatka's airport in the town of Yelizovo. The snow dusted runway was lined with the rusting remains of the Soviet air force; rows upon rows of mothballed Mig fighter jets and Hind gunships. The military are still present, but troops are lucky to receive their wages. Most look forlorn, clutching their AK-47s nonchalantly, allowing time to wash by as they wait for their next block of leave. After reaching the capital, Petropavlovsk, we found a hostel amongst the prefabricated grey blocks of soviet apartments and began organising logistics to reach the volcanoes we aimed to climb. We had a total of eight days to explore the area. Without maps, which don't exist for the region outside the capital, this proved a real adventure, and incredibly satisfying. We travelled by snowmobile to a mountain hut, complete with log fire and chef, which we used as a base camp for our expedition. This was far more luxury than we had expected,



but was greatly appreciated after some long 15-16 hour days, climbing in temperatures of -15 degrees. We managed to summit several obvious landmarks in the area as well as some isolated side valleys. The image of summiting a mountain to be greeted with a steaming, sulphuric crater will be permanently etched on my memory, surpassed only by the thrill of turning around and telemarking back down. Memorable too was trying to communicate with Gneish, our chef, whose only grasp of English were the words he had picked up through listening to his Led Zeppelin III cassette. Unsurprisingly all of our conversations with him were in sign language.

The attraction of Kamchatka presents a dichotomy. On the one hand the peninsula's economy desperately needs external involvement, two British mountaineers still feel as though they are a novel sight for the 270 000 inhabitants of the region, yet it is precisely this lack of involvement that has created a unique and pristine environment. I hope that the region continues to open itself to those with the inclination to go there; further travel north, for instance, leads to the world of the indigenous reindeer herders. Equally the selfish part of me hopes that Kamchatka and its people remain a little heard of mystery in the East. Either way, Kamchatka has some of the most dramatic scenery in the world combined with a fascinating history that must be seen to be truly believed.

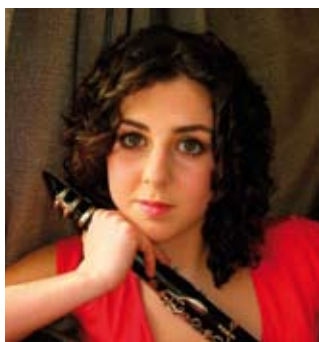


ADAM GRIFFITHS PICTURED RIGHT

Student Scene

LMH First Year Lawyer Reaches BBC Young Musician Woodwind Finals

When I entered the BBC Young Musician competition last year, I had absolutely no doubt that I would get no further than the second round of auditions. I had been offered a place at Lady Margaret Hall, so entering the competition was more for amusement than anything else, as I enjoy performing. Therefore, it was a huge surprise to me when I was told that I had gone through to the woodwind semi-finals with my clarinet. It had been my dream since I was a little girl to be one of those lucky few who got to the category finals of the competition, so I decided at that point that I would be taking music a little more seriously. It was extremely difficult to balance the time I spent practising with the time I needed to spend reading and preparing for the law moderations in Hilary Term, so I tried not to have high expectations when I took part in the category semi-finals. However, during the Christmas holidays, when they announced that I was one of the four who had made it through to the category finals, I was over the moon. I realised that I was going to have an extremely difficult Hilary Term as the category



finals were only a couple of weeks before the law moderations. I also knew that I had very little chance of getting further in the competition because I was up against people from music schools who had time to practise for over three hours a day. But my dream had come true already and even though I did not end up going through to the Grand Final I still felt like a winner after the results had been announced. It was an amazing experience to be involved in such a prestigious competition and although Hilary Term was stressful at times because of it, I will treasure the memories forever.
Anke Batty (2007 Jurisprudence with Law Studies in Europe)

LMH In Varsity Gaelic Games

The 2008 Varsity Gaelic Games in Oxford's University Parks featured a strong LMH presence including star performances from a set of very recent newcomers to hurling from both our JCR and MCR. For the uninitiated hurling is a wild airborne Irish version of field hockey – a cross between quidditch, lacrosse, martial arts and an egg-and-spoon race.

Oxford's ladies team started the day with a defence of their record of never having lost to Cambridge, and etched their name further into the cup with a 19 – 0 whitewash (6 goals and 1 point), Louise Taggart (2007 Master in Slavonic Studies) remaining unbeaten in goal. The men's team followed this inspirational performance with a bright start, scoring within 10 seconds, and Jon Ackroyd (2006 PPE) quickly added 2 goals – 1 for each week of hurling he had ever played! But the visitors, having played as a team together for over 2 years, fought back to a draw at full time, despite the best efforts of a fighting Peter Lin (2007 MSc Mathematical & Computational Finance) and Matt Henshall (2005 Mathematics) starring in defence. Extra time to break the tie brought Joe Wellington (2006 Physics) back into midfield and Ramin Lolachi (2006 DPhil Atmospheric, Oceanic and Planetary Physics) off the subs bench, but a scrappy Cambridge goal and a single missed chance for Oxford sent one trophy away in



RUAIRIDH IN ACTION

the light blue bus. With one game to either side and the ladies Gaelic football to decide the day, the Oxford girls picked up where they had left the hurling, but this time courteously allowing a single score to keep Cambridge interested. Against three goals and a dozen points, the visitors were outperformed in every part of the field for close to every minute of the match, and the heaviest victory of the day put the smiles back on the Oxford faces. An incredibly successful day out in the park with LMH well represented and cheered on by plenty more LMH members lending support. Let's see if we can take even stronger teams to Cambridge next year and bring back a full set of trophies...

Ruairidh Howells, Coach (2001 DPhil Cardiovascular Medicine)

John Carey

Sam West Gives Impromptu Workshop In College

The Sam West workshop on 2 February 2008 was an event run by the Experimental Theatre Club (myself and Louis Brooke, 2006 PPE, being the LMH contingent of the committee) as a workshop for actors wishing to audition for drama school. Three actors from across the University were chosen to perform their audition pieces to about thirty other keen thespians in Talbot Hall. Some of the pieces were contemporary and some were Shakespearian. Starting with specific criticisms of each piece, Sam led the group through the common pitfalls of young actors, explaining the audition process and recounting some of his favourite RSC anecdotes as he went along. We received some really positive feedback, particularly for those going through the daunting auditioning process.
Alex Christophi (2005 English)





LMH Triumphs in Southern University Dancesport Dance Off

When I came up to Oxford, I did not expect that the Paso Doble, Jive and Foxtrot would become almost as integral to my University career as essays, commentaries and Shakespeare. Throughout the past three years I have been a member of the Oxford University Dancesport Team. We train in Ballroom and Latin American dancing, competing against other University Dancesport teams, with the year culminating in our Varsity Dance Off against ancient rivals Cambridge. It is now a full Blues sport for both boys and girls, and as one of the top teams on the circuit, training sessions are taken extremely seriously. A day in the library is wonderfully rounded off by two hours jiving and quickstepping in the evening! The cost of running a Dancesport team is high, and LMH has

been extremely generous in letting us use Talbot Hall free for lessons. This has meant that we have been able to extend our practice time, emerging victorious at the Southern University Dancesport Championships in February. I have found being on the Blues Dancesport team a great way of keeping fit and maintaining my love of dance at University. The world of fake tan, fake nails and Swarovski crystal rhinestones has also provided an exciting contrast to my degree. The University Dancesport circuit is ever expanding and the Oxford Dark Blues have always been one of the biggest teams on the circuit. With the support of the Colleges, our strength as a team is growing.

Erin Lane (2005 English)

Women's Football Team Win Cuppers

A joint LMH-Trinity Football team, captained by LMHer Brett Burns, Visiting Student from Vanderbilt University USA studying History, and Trinity College student Laura Marjason, won the 2008 OUWAF Cuppers. LMH-Trinity beat Somerville in the final by 8 goals to 3, with LMH's Ejiro Oviri (2004 Jurisprudence) scoring 6, the second double hat-trick of the season. Previously LMH Trinity had won its semi-final 12-2 and its quarter final 8-0.



LMH Medic Wakeboards For Britain

When I tell people that I love to wakeboard the normal response is 'Cool! But what is it?!' Wakeboarding is the fastest growing extreme sport and England is right at the centre of the buzz. It is a cross between waterskiing and snowboarding. You can either be pulled by a boat or a cable. Cable wakeboarding is what I love to do; you are pulled around a lake and there are obstacles such as ramps and rails to hit along the way!

I took up this freestyle sport about five years ago after spending my childhood skateboarding and snowboarding. I cannot convey quite how friendly the community is. I have met such a diverse group of people, often far removed from the world of Oxford and Medicine. Although it has been hard to balance a full-time degree with training commitments, it has also been a welcome release from the sometimes stressful University environment.

Since wakeboarding is a freestyle sport with virtually no coaches your progression is based on your own drive. I've incurred numerous injuries including broken ribs, a dislocated knee and shoulder, and a frequently broken nose along the way. I feel Oxford has encouraged me to push myself to my limits to achieve more in my sport and vice versa.

Last year was a great season for me. I won the Open Ladies category at the British National Championships gaining me a place on the British team, and giving me the opportunity to travel to the European Championships. I have deferred my clinical school place at Oxford for a year to allow me to train in the Philippines and Australia over the winter so, hopefully, next year I can compete at the European and World Championships.

(Of course I could not do this without my helpful sponsors: Liquid Force, Bern, Wake MK, Mang clothing and TASS).

Emily Bebbington (2005 Medicine, also pictured far right in the photo left)

Back to the Future: from Students to Teachers

Michael Slavinsky

(2004 French and Hebrew)

So what am I doing leaving the leafy quads and crooked lanes of the Oxford bubble and walking into a classroom containing some of



the most disadvantaged children in London in the hope of teaching them some French? Well, according to the mission statement of the Teach First organisation, I'm hoping 'to address educational disadvantage', by dint of being an 'exceptional graduate' who will be transformed into an 'effective, inspirational teacher and leader in all fields!' Easy. I'm also following in the footsteps of past LMH-ers, Nicholas Blair (2004 History) and Shaun Collins (2004 History), who left College last year with a similar desire to make a difference and to give something back to education. I have just completed a placement at the school where I'll find myself for the next two years and have become aware of the challenges that I will have to face on a daily basis: pupils with no concept of authority and with little idea of the value of education; pupils who live with little or no structure to their lives, and for whom a teacher might be the only positive adult role model. And among them will be some very bright children who have been hindered all their lives by the fact that their family lives below the poverty line. Currently, I feel daunted, nervous and under-prepared, but my time at LMH has left me with a deep love for my subject and the ability to keep my nose to the grindstone when necessary, and I am hoping that these two qualities will help me next year when I'm learning to teach.

Oliver Wickens

(2004 Physics)

This year I completed my Physics degree and straight away began my training with Teach First.



The school in Birmingham that I will be teaching in is in one of the most deprived wards in the country. I will be teaching Maths and Physics next year.

On top of that I will be teaching the first ever Physics A-level course for students in my and surrounding schools. It is an exciting project and is indicative of the difference that I can make to young peoples' lives already. No other job would give me so much responsibility, so many challenges and the potential for such reward so soon.

My seven-week training course began with a week's placement in a school close to where I live. On the very first day I got a taste for what might lie ahead when in the last period of the day the pupils rushed to the front of the door and somehow in the tussling that ensued, the teacher's hand got caught in the door!

As well as school observations, our training included a week of intense 8am-9pm lectures and classes to prepare for the induction week in the school that I will teach in from September. We learned about educational theory, lesson planning, and developed a network of friends among our peers that will help us when the going gets tough next year.

It is clear that controlling behaviour will be half the battle, and essential, before

any teaching and learning will be able to take place. However, it is also clear to me from the training and my own experience that the more enthusiastic I am and the more fun I make my lessons, the better behaved the pupils will be. I'm relishing the chance to work with and to help young people, while constantly challenging them and presenting them with high expectations, just like my tutors did to me when I was at LMH!

John McClean

(2004 Physics)

After completing my undergraduate master's degree in Physics at LMH I was drawn to the unique challenge of the Teach First



scheme, which attempts to address the startling correlation between a child's performance in school and his or her economic background through excellence in teaching. The situation is particularly serious in underperforming UK schools for sciences and especially Physics. Studying at LMH showed me that Physics is fascinating, highly relevant, and addresses some of the biggest issues and questions around – but the science needs to be presented in a way that engages pupils. When I start teaching, I hope to bring some of this excitement to my school, a north London comprehensive in which 40 languages are spoken and a range of special needs have been identified. At the time of writing, I am about to complete six weeks' intensive training, which has been a highly enjoyable mix of teaching, workshops, and socials in central London and Canterbury.

We are delighted that LMH students are participating in the Teach First programme. This summer the College provided modest financial support to help students in the months between leaving College and starting teaching. We would welcome donations towards a fund to help future Teach First students. If you would like to help, please contact Carrie Fehr in the Development Office on 01865 611024 or email carrie.fehr@lmh.ox.ac.uk.

Masters Student Volunteers Locally

Bianca Summons (2007 MSt General Linguistics and Comparative Philology)

I have worked and volunteered with children and young people since 2000 and have been interested in teaching since long before. The volunteering scheme run by the University and the Aimhigher campaign in conjunction with local schools offered me the perfect opportunity to further this experience by working with an older age group than I had dealt with before to develop their French language skills. At first I felt a little intimidated by the prospect of commanding the respect of 15-16 year olds, but my fears soon dissipated. Although they had had a really unstable two years lacking a permanent teacher, by working with such a small group, five children, I was able to get to know them quickly. With games, pair work and more conventional exercises using the white board and text books, I ended up having a lot of fun with them whilst actively helping them to learn with someone closer to their own age. I am still interested in teaching and my only regret is that the scheme was only 8 weeks long and that consequently I was not able to see the students through their final GCSE exams.

JON LEWIS



Dates For Your Diary

We are pleased to offer another busy programme for 2008-9. Do take a look to see if any of the following events would be of interest. Booking can be made online at www.lmh-alumni.org. Alternatively, you can email Maya Evans at development@lmh.ox.ac.uk or call her on 01865 274 362. We would be delighted to see you at a College event soon!

Beaufort Circle Lunch 2008 (by invitation)

18 October 2008

11.30am coffee in Talbot Hall followed by tours of the new buildings. Drinks reception from 12.30pm. Lunch in Hall at 1pm. No charge.

'Fairtrade Caribbean Bananas: A Study in Ethics and Post-Colonialism'

24 October 2008

Speaker: Professor Janet Momsen, Starr Visiting Fellow.

5.15 pm Talbot Hall, followed by reception.

No charge, please book.

Recent Paintings, David Lockett & Peter Ross

24 October – 8 November

An exhibition of paintings in the Jerwood Room. No charge.

Please contact the Porters on 01865 274300 for timings.

LMHA Autumn Meeting

30 October 2008

6 – 8 pm, Hosted by Professor Anne Hardy (Wilkinson) (1972 History) at the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Rd, London, NW1 2BE. Drinks and Canapés. Tours of the Library and Collection. £25.

LMH Freshers' Family Day

2 November 2008

11 am – 3 pm. Lunch and tours of College.

£16 adult, £8 child (5-12), £8 LMH student.

Anne McLaren Memorial Lecture

7 November 2008

Speaker: Sir John Gurdon FRS from the Developmental Biology Research Group at The Wellcome Trust/ CR UK Gurdon Institute, University of Cambridge.

5.15 pm Talbot Hall, followed by reception.

No charge, please book.



Canada Seminar

21 November 2008

Speaker: Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of Canada.

The first Gavin Cameron Graduate Scholarship in Economics and undergraduate prize in Economics will be awarded on this occasion.

5.15 pm Talbot Hall, followed by reception.

No charge, please book.

LMH in the City

24 November 2008

Hosted by Peter Siderman (1987 Latin American Studies), Managing Director, Dominion Group, 23 College Hill, London EC4R 2RP. £15



Carols by Candlelight

30 November 2008

5.30 pm in the Chapel, followed by wine and mince pies.

No charge, please book.

LMHA Local Drinks Reception

28 February 2008

This year's Local Drinks will be held in the morning from 11.30am to allow for tours of the new buildings. £7.50

Heron Allen Lecture

6 March 2009

Speaker: Professor E J Milner-Gulland, Professor in Conservation Science, Imperial College London.

5.15 pm Talbot Hall, followed by reception.

No charge, please book.

LMHA North American Reunions

We shall be holding reunions for alumni and friends in New York and the West coast in the spring of 2009. Details will be emailed at a later date. Please make sure the Development Office has your email address.



Founders and Benefactors Dinner

22 April 2009

By invitation.

Boathouse Open Day

26 April 2009

12 - 4pm. Lunch, tuition, races. Rowing for over 11s. Boat rides for under 11s. Numbers limited. Adults £10. Under 11s free.

London Dinner

12 May 2009

Dame Ann Leslie, doyenne of foreign correspondents, who has filed stories from more than 70 countries will be speaking at the 13th London Dinner in the Middle Temple. 7.15 for 8pm. £65

Gaudy Dinner 2009 – Matric Years 1989 - 1995 + 50th Anniversary 1959

27 - 28 June 2009

Reception and dinner £40; B&B £30.

Gaudy Sunday 2009 – for all Senior Members and their Guests

28 June

See booking form with 2009 Brown Book for details.

MA Ceremony and Reunion Class of 2002

19 September

£30 for degree and reception; £10 for reception.

Oxford Alumni Weekend 2009

25 - 27 September

Dinner and accommodation for participating alumni.